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SPEAKER: Senator Burbach and then Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have been sitting here and listening to this debate. I know the problem of REAP has been before us for sometime. However, we have--we also have several resolutions pertaining to this. I did vote to discuss this this morning and I'm sorry. So I think I voted on the prev--on the side--prevailing side, so I would ask that we reconsider all action and send this resolution to a committee because I have no figures. The first figures I heard here this morning were just a few moments ago from Senator Maresh who has done some work on this. Many of us from agriculture, many of us--many of them from the urban areas have concern and they want information and more information than is available on the floor at the moment. So, therefore, I move that we reconsider our action, instead of holding this and laying it over until tomorrow, that we do send it to a committee.

SPEAKER: Senator Burbach, when you say that you want to reconsider our action, now what action?

SENATOR BURBACH: The action that we discuss it at the moment and not send it to a committee. What was the motion?

SPEAKER: The motion the rules were suspended in order to consider the resolution. That is where the matter stands right now except for ---some kind of a--

SENATOR BURBACH: (inaudible) reconsider our action on the suspension of the rules that we----earlier this morning.

SPEAKER: How did you vote?

SENATOR BURBACH: I voted to sent it--to discuss it this morning.

SPEAKER: Well, then, you voted for the suspension of rules.

SENATOR BURBACH: Right.

SPEAKER: Then you were on the prevailing side and yes, you can do that if you are on the prevailing side. Just a moment.

SENATOR BURBACH: If there is a problem in this area, Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be sent to a committee for a hearing.

SPEAKER: Fine. The motion has been made, whether it's in order or whether it isn't, that the bill be sent to a committee for public hearing and I am going to rule that the motion is in order and you can vote it down if you want to. Now, is there any further discussion? Senator Kennedy, I believe that we should dispose of this one way or the other as quickly as possible but you have every right to speak on it. Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I would say just briefly, Mr. Speaker and fellow members, that the HUD program and number of programs that were announced to be discontinued have been more or less reinstated, at least temporarily because of the objections. There has been nothing announced on the agriculture programs to be continued. I think it is an important question. The rumor was yesterday that the President is going to discontinue two of his White Houses because they are part of the cut down program. He is going to do a lot of cutting and when he announces that he is doing away with the western White House and the southern White House and still keep the retreat and the White House, then I think he is explaining to us that he is interested in cutting all factors. Now, until that announcement is made, I'm a little bit displeased that only agriculture it is being done to and I think when we go into a committee hearing